

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4-7 are amended and claim 9 is added. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 4-7 is found at least in original claim 3. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claim 3 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in that claim. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed below; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; (c) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 3, objects to specification for allegedly failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the feature "computer-storage medium." Applicants respectfully traverse this objection.

It should be noted that claims 6 and 7 were amended, as discussed with the Examiner in the November 16, 2006 personal interview, to include this language to overcome a rejection of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §101. The Examiner agreed to the inclusion of this language by amendment. Applicants submit that the totality of the disclosure provides sufficient support for a computer program stored on a computer-storage medium. For example, page 7, lines 20-24 of the specification state that the distribution server 1, the browsing client 2, the editing client 3 and the management client 4 execute a program in accordance with the

present invention by using computer hardware, and may perform predetermined processing.

This computer program, executed by using computer hardware, would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to be stored on a computer-storage medium. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 6, rejects claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0152904 to Doty. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1 and 4-8 recite, among other features, that the distribution server further comprises a storing unit configured to store notational data, which the user has entered into the browsing client in accordance with the slide data displayed on the screen, in association with the user and the slide data. At least this feature cannot reasonably be considered to be taught, or to have been suggested, by the applied references.

The Office Action, on page 7, asserts with respect to original claim 3 that Doty's disclosure in paragraph [0143], lines 25-30, teaches a feature of that invention that is considered to correspond to the above-mentioned feature. This assertion is incorrect. Doty teaches a notes feature that "allows a learner to make notes as the material is being presented and they can review their notes at any time from the student portal." Doty merely teaches that a learner can make and store notes. Doty fails to teach that notes are associated with the user and slides. The fact that a user can make notes while material is being presented cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, any feature that corresponds to storing notational data in association with the user and the slide data, as positively recited in claims 1 and 4-8.

For at least the above reasons, Doty cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combinations of all of the features recited in at least independent claims 1 and 4-8. Further, claim 2 would also not have been suggested by the applied prior art

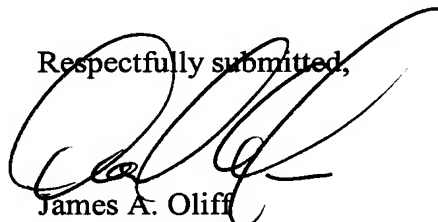
reference for at least the dependence of this claim on allowable independent claim 1, as well as for the subject matter that claim 2 recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Doty are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2 and 4-9 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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